

Remarks

Claims 27, 28 and 32 are under examination in this case. Claim 27 is amended herein, and claim 32 is cancelled. The June 29, 2007 Final Office Action described the Office's rejection of rejected claims 27, 28 and 32 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Accordingly, the amendments herein amend claim 27 and cancel claim 32 in accordance with Examiner's previous proposed Examiner's Amendment which was discussed June 19, 2007 in a phone interview between the Examiner and Attorney Fairman. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejection under §112

As amended, claim 27 now recites a chemoselectively ligated agent comprising an alkyne moiety. Support for this amendment can be found in the application as filed, such as at page 62, where alkyne moieties are discussed at great length. No new matter has been added. In particular, the term "chemoselectively ligatable agent" is now defined in terms of structure, namely, as including an alkyne moiety. Therefore, a structural limitation is now imposed on the compounds recited in the claims which would further convey to the skilled artisan that the claimed invention was described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicants' amendment of claim 27 and cancellation of claim 32 are in accordance with the Amendment proposed by the Examiner on June 29, 2007.

Claim 32 has been canceled, and therefore, the written description rejection as to claim 32 has been rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that by amending claim 27 to recite a chemoselectively ligated agent comprising an alkyne moiety, the rejection of claim 27, regarding the written description requirement, is overcome and claims 27 and 28, which depends therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

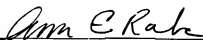
Summary

In view of the above amendment and remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested. No extension of time is believed to be necessary and no fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. However, if any extension of time is required in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the appropriate extension and a request to charge the petition fee to the Deposit Account No. 17-0055. No other fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. However, if any fee is due in this or any subsequent response, please charge the fee to the same Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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